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Recommendations for Health Department-Regulated Establishments **During Low Water Pressure Events**

1. Use single-service eating and drinking utensils.
2. Buy ice from commercial ice plants.
3. Serve water upon request only.
4. Use refrigeration rather than running water to thaw foods
5. Use brooms rather than water for sweeping outside parking lots. However, the use of water for cleaning to prevent the breeding or presence of public health pests should continue as necessary.
6. Purchase drinking water from bottled water plants.
7. Obtain beverages in ready-to-use forms (boxed tea, canned soft drinks, etc.).
8. Stop preparing fresh fruits and vegetables. Buy pre-washed, canned, or frozen products.
9. Shut off dipper wells, while storing utensils in product or on a clean surface.
10. Use dry surface cleaning methods, followed by damp mopping or wipes. Do not continue to do flood-type cleaning of floors; use a mop and a bucket.
11. Double-bag garbage, so bags do not break in cans or dumpster.
12. Before washing dishes, dry-scrape and pre-soak in standing water not under a steady flow of water.
13. For handwashing, a further step must be taken to inactivate bacteria the water may leave on your hands. The use of hand sanitizers is recommended as well as the use of gloves or sanitized utensils.
14. Restaurants without available water must close.
15. Please call 910-253-2150 if you have questions.